over five to seven years for areas in the State falling under the Western Ghats Development Programme (WGDP). It is for the State Government to examine the report and prepare operational annual plans every year taking into account this report, for consideration of Planning Commission.

Incentive Scheme for Beedi Workers

828. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has formulated any incentive scheme to give Rs. one per day to each of the Beedi workers for inducing them to attend night schools; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

Outstanding arrears of CIL

829. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact, that the State Electricity Boards and other major consumers of coal have not paid Coal India Limited for the coal lifted by them and the problem has now become precarious;

(b) if so, what are the details of outstanding overdues of Coal India Limited from major consumers, consumer-wise, as on 31st March, 1995 and steps taken during the last three years to resolve the problem and results yielded so far alongwith steps constemplated to deal with the problem effectively;

(c) the details of policy changes taken/ contemplated during the current year;

(d) what effective steps have been proposed to ensure that power production and production in major industries do not suffer for want of coal supply; and

(e) what action is taken/proposed to deal with the problem of blackmarketing and theft of coal by mafia?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) The outstanding dues to Coal India Limited (CIL) from various consumers as on 31.3.1995 ware Rs. 3665.24 crores out of which the Power Sector alone accounted for Rs. 3123.38 crores. The coal sale outstanding dues are mounting over the years, as a result of which the coal companies are facing severe financial crisis.

(b) Details regarding consumer-wise outstanding dues as on 31.3.1995 are given in the Statement. *(See* below) steps taken by Coal India/Government, to recover the dues are:

(i) Earlier all power units commissioned after 1.4.1989 were being supplied coal only against advance payments or against revolving letters of credit.

(ii) Government of India have adjusted undisputed coal sale outstandings as on 31.5.1990 amounting to Rs. 1093.44 crores against the Central Plan Assistance to the concerned State Governments in four equal annual instalments.

(iii) "Cash and Carry Scheme" was introduced for supply of coal to power sector with effect from 1.10.1991.

(iv) Recovery of Rs. 65.09 crores was also made out of the Central Plan Assistance to the Government of National Capital Territory (NCT), Delhi during the year 1994-95 towards the dues of Badarpur Thermal Power Station (PTPS).

(c) Since the coal sales dues to Coal India Limited against coal supplies to all consumers is still increasing, the following steps have been taken during the current year: